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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Mounted Patrol exercised prettily on the old recreation grounds on Saturday afternoon. A little rough riding over the Punahou hills would be more advantageous for them. The "force" is not intended for pretty parades but for hard work when needed. A little hill climbing would be serviceable for horse and man alike.

The simplest, cheapest, most of effective and convenient method of settling the question of Government advertising is to ask for a tender of bids, as is done in other civilized communities. This removes the matter from political favoritism and proves economical to the Government. Tenders should be awarded to one morning, one evening and one weekly paper in English, and the necessary number in Hawaiian, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese when circumstances require advertising in such languages. Those interested in governmental matters would then know which papers to regard as authorities for official advertising.

Before it is too late let the Honolulu magistrates determine that the use of a knife or pistol in our community, except under justifiable circumstances, shall be punished as severely as the law permits. With the influx of new blood in a seaport town the rowdies must accumulate. Let us give them in our minor courts such another salutary lesson as our Superior Courts have already given to murderers before they gain the upper hand. THE INDEPENDENT advocates firmness, even to the extent of cruelty, in the administration of penal justice in these days of transition from the old to the new regime. It will be safer for us all, and more beneficial to the rogues, in the future.

While THE INDEPENDENT sympathizes with the Electric Light Company in its sore distress awaiting Hoffman and his material and his miracles of progress to be eventuated, nevertheless it must commiserate with the patrons who receive big bills for inadequate service; and the funny part of it is the worse the service the bigger the bills. If the company acted honorably, and wisely in the face of probable opposition, they would cut their bills in accordance with the amount of the electric light cloth they furnish. The case of the Waverley Club is certainly one to the point, where the bill for light furnished was increased five times in a month in which the amount of light furnished was below the average. The trouble appears to be that the people seem to be afraid of the threats of the monopolies. A little stalwart kicking might have a beneficial effect upon even the soulless dividend paying corporations.

THE PROGRESS BLOCK.

G. S. Desky Springs Another Surprise on the Public.

A few years ago even the most progressive citizens of the Paradise of the Pacific would state that there was "nothing in real estate" in Honolulu, and every man with money was chasing after sugar stock, or doubling his coin in the business, which, justly if not politely, must be described as usury.

New blood and fresh ideas were wanted to shake up the community from the lethargy in which everybody apparently had fallen.

One day C. S. Desky arrived on the scene, and it didn't take him very long before he had realized the wonderful opportunities which these islands offered to any shrewd and experienced speculator in real estate.

Mr. Desky treated the public to surprise after surprise. We have no space to mention the numerous enterprises inaugurated by him to the benefit of the town, and which have often been referred to by the local press. The new Progress Block erected by him on the corner of Berea and Fort streets deserves a special mention, being the best finished and up-to-date building ever seen in Honolulu.

Mr. Desky bought the large tract of land known as the Irwin home- stead with frontages on Chaplain Lane, Fort street and Berea street. On the corner lot, where formerly stood the historical Fort- street Church, he has erected the magnificent Progress building which is an ornament to the city and a credit to the owner, to the architect and the builder.

In a few weeks the building will be delivered by the contractor to the owner, and the public will have a chance to inspect and admire the structure, which certainly is entitled to the name "Progress."

The doors leading from the streets into the first floor are made in antique style, and are very ornamental. The main entrance from Fort street leads to the elevator, which is now on the way from the Coast, and which will be run by electric power. From the entrance on Berea street access to the building is gained by an easy and highly finished stair way.

The stores on the ground floor are commodious, and, like the rest of the building made from the best Hawaiian stone, will furnish excellent and safe storerooms for the merchants who have secured leases for the first floor. Special equipments are being made for furnishing one of the stores facing Fort street to suit the demands of the new music store which will be located there.

On the second floor a large number of offices suitable for professional or business men have been arranged. The offices are appointed in an elegant manner and can be rented singly or in suite. Many of them have already been rented, three suites having been taken by dentists. On this floor which will be known as the "professional" floor there are toilet rooms for ladies and for gentlemen gotten up in appropriate style, and where, as elsewhere in the building, only first class material and workmanship have been used.

On the third floor the Progress Hall has been built. This hall is the favorite child of Desky's heart and it is unequalled in Honolulu, and would be a credit to any city many times the size of our capital.

The hall can be used as a ball room, a meeting hall even for 4th of July orators, or as a theater. A stage has been arranged and the octagonal shape of the hall will permit the whole audience a full view of every point of the stage.

The French windows towards Berea and Fort streets enable people to reach the promenade within the solid columns, which ornament this part of the building. Adjoining the hall is a commodious dining room, kitchen and pantry besides dressing and toilet rooms.

Above the great hall is the roof garden, from which the most brilliant birdseye view of Honolulu and the surrounding country can be had

and which has been specially arranged for "spooning and flirting" purposes. On the first anniversary of the opening of the "Progress" we will endeavor to report how many engagements have been made, marriages arranged and kisses recorded (by the chaste moon) on Desky's "progressive" roof.

The building will be ready as soon as the electric elevator arrives and is put in place, and then the town will have an opportunity to congratulate Mr. Desky on his enterprise and itself on a magnificent addition to the capital of the Paradise of the Pacific.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

At noon to-day, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Legros lost their four months old son by death from cholera infantum, which is quite prevalent now. Funeral to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock from their residence, Punch- bowl Street.

Senator Kepoikai took his seat in the Senate this morning having been duly elected with an overwhelming majority to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Horner. The new senator is a valuable addition to the solons, who have the upper hand of the people, their representatives, the government and the memorial fountain.

A large number of people visited Sans Souci yesterday. This beautiful resort is now the headquarters of the horse owners and the sporting fraternity who meet there to compare notes, and allow the soothing breezes and the refreshing waters to cool off their brains, overworked in their attempt to solve the question of "which is the winner."

WANTED TO LEASE.

A SMALL PIECE OF LAND BETWEEN Kina Street Bridge and Marine Highway, and between King Street and Waterfront. For particulars apply at this Office 874-1w

NOTICE.

Palama Co-operative Grocery Co., Ltd.

A meeting of the Shareholders (only of the above Company) will be held at American League Hall upstairs over IXL store, corner King and Nuuanu Streets, on TUESDAY, 26 April, 1898, at 7 P. M.
H. CANNON, Promoter.

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Timely Topics.

Honolulu, April 1, 1898

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FURTHER REDUCTION IN PRICES

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

The Balance of the Goods Saved from the Big Fire in London must be Cleared this Week, and in order to do this we will offer them at the following prices:

New Up-to-Date Shirt Waists, 35c. Former price 75c.
New Up-to-Date Sailor Hats, \$1. Former price \$1 50.
French Organdies, New Patterns, 10c per yard. Former price 25c.

Other Dress Goods in Proportion.

An effort will be made to clear these goods by the end of the month.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SECURE BARGAINS.

L. B. KERR, Importer, Queen St.